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LETTER DATED 26 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the statement issued by the Ministry of Defence of the Azerbaijani Republic in connection with the decision of the Azerbaijani side to continue, on a unilateral basis, the cease-fire in all areas affected by the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement issued by the Ministry of Defence of the Azerbaijani Republic

In connection with the approaching seventy-fifth anniversary of the proclamation of the independence of the three Transcaucasian republics, and also with a view to creating conditions conducive to the implementation of Security Council resolution 822 (1993) and the speedy signing and entry into force of the "schedule of urgent measures", proposed by the Russian Federation, Turkey and the United States of America, the Azerbaijani Ministry of Defence has issued, as a gesture of goodwill, an order to National Army units to continue to maintain fully the unilateral cease-fire in areas of fighting from 2400 hours on 24 May to 0001 hours on 29 May (local time) when, in accordance with the "schedule", it has been proposed to de-escalate military operations in all the areas affected by conflict.

This initiative should also reconfirm the groundlessness and tendentiousness of Armenian propaganda, which has claimed that the Azerbaijani army is actively engaged in combat operations and is preparing a large-scale offensive.

Such statements should be considered as disinformation whose purpose is to undermine the peace initiative of the Russian Federation, Turkey and the United States of America.

In this connection, the Azerbaijani Ministry of Defence hopes that the Armenian side will refrain from any provocative military, political or propagandistic actions that could lead to a new outbreak of hostilities and the failure of the peace process.